

C (dimensional size and shape of the upper. Accordingly, the first step involves mainly shaping and stitching operations. As there is generally no heating involved in this step the last can be made from a variety of materials. Wood and metal have traditional been used, and more recently plastic. Plastic is particularly preferred in lasts today because it is easy to form into the desired shape and is also relatively inexpensive.

[On page 12, starting at line 9 please rewrite the paragraph as follows]

C² In the first step the outsole (4a) is moulded with the dummy last (28) in position in the mould cavity (22). In the second step the mid-sole is formed with the last (5) and the shoe upper (3) in the mould cavity. It is the second step therefore which physically attaches the rubber sole (4) to the fabric base (i.e. insole) of the upper (3).

Remarks

This Supplemental Amendment addresses a typographical error in the Amendment submitted on October 8, 2002. The Applicant inadvertently inserted "insole" rather than "(i.e. insole)" in two locations in the specification. Additionally, in the Amendment submitted on October 8, 2002, the page number corresponding to the first replacement paragraph in the specification was omitted. However, this is moot in view of this Supplemental Amendment that addresses the typographical error in the paragraph.

Conclusion

The Applicant has amended the specification for clarity. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee